



2015 SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER CALENDAR

Pittsfield State Forest

1041 Cascade St. Pittsfield, MA 01201

Park Interpreter: Sara

Park Phone Number: (413) 442-8992

All programs are free and open to the public.

The parking fee is \$5.00 per vehicle for MA vehicles, \$6.00 for out of state vehicles.

Reasonable accommodations are available upon request, for more information please call the park.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

Guided Hike

Thursdays 10:00 am - 1:00 pm, Meet @ Ski Lodge

Let's explore the many trails at Pittsfield State Forest – each week we'll try to do something different. Plan on being on the trails for at least two hours, a little longer depending on the group. We will cover 3-5 miles with moderate elevation change.

MEET @ THE SKI LODGE. Please wear appropriate hiking gear, bring plenty of water and a snack/ lunch.

A Busy Beaver's Toolbox

Thursdays at 3:00 pm @ Nature Center

Beavers are a keystone species that heavily alter their environment to best suit their needs. Learn about their rich arsenal of tools that make beavers the 'engineers of the forest.' To demonstrate this animal's unique features, we might even dress someone up as a beaver.

MEET @ NATURE CENTER. Please bring water and bug spray, and wear sunscreen.

Meet Frisky Fox

Fridays at 10:00 am @ Nature Center

Is it a cat? Is it a dog? Whatever it is, it sure is frisky. We will explore the features and behavior of the red fox – a clever and resourceful animal native to Pittsfield State Forest. **MEET @ NATURE CENTER.**

A Bear's Bare Necessities

Fridays at 3 PM @ Berry Pond Picnic Area (if raining, meet @ Nature Center)

Black bears are active early fall: momma bear is raising her cubs, yearlings are learning to survive on their own, and all bears are busy fattening up for the winter months. Learn what these iconic native animals need throughout the seasons to survive in the wild.

MEET @ BERRY POND, PARK @ NEARBY BATHROOM. IF RAINING, MEET @ NATURE CENTER

A Busy Beaver's Toolbox

Saturdays at 10:00 am @ Berry Pond Picnic Area (if raining, meet @ Nature Center)

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Activity Hour @ Nature Center: What Did the Owl Eat for Dinner?

Saturdays, September 5 and 19 at 3 PM @ Nature Center

Owls are fascinating birds of prey, with a unique way to hunt, capture, and digest their prey. In this family-friendly program we'll explore some of those interesting features. We will even get to dissect owl pellets to discover what the owl had for dinner.

MEET @ NATURE CENTER.

Activity Hour @ Nature Center: Let's Make a Food Chain!

Saturdays, September 12 and 26 at 3 PM @ Nature Center

Every plant and animal plays an important role in nature's food chain. Let's explore this food web through activities, and let's make a food chain of our own.

MEET @ THE NATURE CENTER.

You Are What You Eat

Sundays at 10:00 am @ Berry Pond Picnic Area (if raining, meet @ Nature Center)

In the animal kingdom you are either predator or prey. And often both. We will compare several animal skulls and other features to discover the basic differences between predator and prey adaptations. Then we'll investigate how these features best serve them in the woods to catch their food or to avoid being caught.

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Summer Stroll in the Woods

Sundays 2:00-3:00 pm; Meet @ All Access Trailhead

This will be a leisurely walk in the early afternoon to explore the sights and sounds of the summer woods. We will keep our eyes open for signs of wildlife, and will learn about diverse plant communities along the way.

MEET @ THE ALL ACCESS TRAILHEAD. Please bring water and bug spray, and wear sunscreen. This trail is paved and walkers of all abilities are welcome.

